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DEVELOPMENT OF PLANES AND JETS FOR CIVIL AVIATION
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of the Government in regard to developing and manufacturing planes and jets for civil aviation;

(b) the present status of developing and manufacturing the planes and jets for civil aviation; and

(c) the time by which 100 seated jets and higher capacity planes could be developed?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL), Bangalore has developed an all composite two-seat training aeroplane `Hansa-3` and is in the process of developing a 14-seat Light Transport Aircraft `SARAS`.Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is preparing jointly with its Russian partners a detailed project report for co-design, development and production of a multi-role transport aircraft of 100 seater passenger / 15-20 ton cargo capacity. After preparation of a detailed project report, this will be submitted to Government for consideration. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has no programme for development of higher capacity jets for civil aviation.